

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 Jul 61	2. LOCATION 2240N 15414W Pacific		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Prob Echo I</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0435 CMT 061435	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE ENE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Brilliant objt bearing 290° altitude 22° and disappeared in cloud in bearing 030° altitude 12°. Same brilliance as star Vega, white in color.		11. COMMENTS Speed of objt was too fast for a planet or star, and too slow for a meteor. Description is characteristic of Echo I satellite. A plot of Echo I shows that it was in area at time, moving in exact flight path as reported for objt. Therefore, objt was probably Echo I.	

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INFO : CIN-14, OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (21)

SMB A 039

ZCHQD534ZCBA093

OO RJEZHQ

JE RBHPH 001A

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O 062355Z

FM COMHAWSEAFRON

TO RJHPKW/COMD HAWAIRDEFDIV WHEELAR AFB

INFO RBWPPG/COMWESTSEAFRON

RBHPB/CINCPACFLT

RJWFAL/CINCNORAD ENT AFB COLO

RJEZHQ/KOFSUSAF WASH DC

RBEPW/CNO

RBEPW/SECNAV

RUHPFS/CINCUSARPAC

RBHPA/CINCPAC

RJHPKM/PACAF

RJHPKM/PACAF BASECOM HICKAM AFB

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CELESTIAL PHENOMENON PACIFIC OCEAN OBSERVED BY THE M/V GISNA AT
1435GMT JULY 6TH 1961 IN POSIT ON 22.40N 154-15W ON PASSAGE FROM
PANAMA TO YOKOHAMA A BRILLIANT METEOR OR SATELLITE WAS OBSERVED
BY THE CHIEF OFFICER AND LGOKOUT. IT APPEARED IN BEARING 290
DEGREES ALLITUDE 22 DEGREES AND DISAPPEARED IN A CLOUD IN BEARINGR
030 DEGREES ALLITUDE 12 DEGREES. IT WAS OF THE SAME BRILLIANCE AS
THE STAR VEGA WHITE IN COLOR AND WAS VISIBLE FOR 15 MINUTES THE
DIRECTION WHICH IT MOVED WAS EAST NORTHEAST-NORTHEAST NO TGAIR
WAS OBSERVED AND THE BODY MOVED SLOWLY OVER THE SKY. WEATHER
PARTLY CLOUDY WIND EAST FORCE 4 BAROMETER 29.8 INCHES. AIR
TEMPERATURE 77 F SLIGHT SEA COURSE 272 SPEED 14 KNOTS.

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